

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Non-Final Office Action dated February 04, 2011 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 11-15 and 17-18 are pending. Claim 11 is amended. Accordingly, claims 11-15 and 17-18 remain currently pending. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 11-15 and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,177,972 to Held et al. (hereinafter "Held") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,222,603 to Sakai et al. (hereinafter "Sakai"). The rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claims 11-15 and 17-18 are allowable over the cited references in that independent claim 11 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "wherein the liquid crystal layer is aligned and the sealant is simultaneously cured, by irradiating the UV light." However, none of cited references including Held and Sakai teaches or suggests the feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, claim 11, and claims 12-15 and 17-18, which depend either directly or indirectly upon claim 11, are allowable over the cited references.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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